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Novella (~38,000 words)

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They call him Marrex the Monster.

Deformed and wretched, Captain Marrex roams the black of space with only a pair of eccentric AIs for company. The curse in his DNA means a long, bitterly lonely life for the Ghelyxian, and it's a fate Marrex knows he can't change.

After a long sleep in stasis, Juniper Bo wakes to discover he's an unwelcome guest aboard Captain Marrex's ship. Though he tries to stay away from the surly Ghelyxian, he just doesn't get why the curse is such a big deal—then again, Juniper knows his tastes are rather... unusual for a Human.

When friendship blooms between Marrex and Juniper, they realize they face a future that neither could have predicted in their wildest dreams.

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From Reader Review Beauty and His Beast for online ebook

DarienMoya says

November 2018

Audio

The Story rating remains the same but 5++++++ for Michael Ferraiuolos narration. He's just amazing all the freaking time.

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**Well, well, well..... can I get a Amen for magic penis. Can I get it in 37 orgasms, can I get in a might need a defibrillator because heart failure is imminent.**

This was such a cute story. I am all for interspecies loving, and this with its ode to Beauty and the Beast was just perfection. I'm so glad that Marrex remained all beastly, because I was one of those kids that got pissed when the Beast turned into a prince and fucked up the whole story.

As I said cute story with mostly zero angst, a little drama to add a bit of sauce but with a happy ending befitting of a Prince and a Prince ? ?

“Oh I forgot the lube. No worries I gots the lube right here in my lube sack becaus I'm a self lubricating **Hell-EE-ZE-AN” ? ? ? WET ?**

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**Shile says**

Omg! What did i just read? Well i liked it a lot.

- It is about Beauty and the Beast
- Self-Lubricating Dick
- Magic cocks

Annnnnd!

- 37 orgasms.... Well that's that.
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## **Shin Mon Thway says**

I really love Bey Deckard's retelling of **"Beauty and the Beast"**. For a nerdy, quirky, hopeless romantic like me, this novella is a dream come true. ? You have a kind-hearted Beauty, a broken-hearted Beast and instead of talking and performing furniture and household items, you have super weird AIs. Alas, bless my sci-fi nerdy head! ?

Captain Marrex has been roaming aimlessly around universe for a really really long time. And there's an unwanted guest on his ship, a human in a stasis state locked away in a freezing pod. He has been avoiding this human in stasis for a long time but the time has come when he can no longer ignore him. The power cells of the pod containing the human and keeping him in stasis are depleting and in its last state. Open the pod soon and rescue the human or he'll die. Captain Marrex has enough on his hands, deformed and wretched, all he wants is floating aimlessly around space. Now he needs to deal with a human who was in a stasis for decades and he both expects and despise the situation.

Juniper Bo sacrificed himself and enlisted on a colony ship 17 years ago to feed and support his family. Unfortunately, when he was in a stasis pod, the ship he was in was destroyed by some unknown cause and he has been sleeping for 17 long years. And when he woke up, never in a million years he has dreamed of being in a room with two super weird AIs (one looks humanoid and one is a black cat .. ?) and being informed that he was an unwelcomed guest on a Ghelyxian ship. And to make matters worse, the captain is a very grumpy and short-tempered, huge guy who is super hairy with 4 horns. He doesn't mind the looks of the captain since he's a xenophile. ? But how's he going to deal with a super agitated guy when all he wants to do is to go home and to find out what happened to his family.

**Marrex is attracted to Juniper instantly (of course, the human is surreally beautiful .. ?) but he firmly believes that there's no soul in the wide, vast universe who can look past his beastliness and ugly deformity. He tries to stay away from the human, guarding and hoarding his heart closely but Juniper has ways to crawl inside our jaded Captain's heart slowly. Juniper can't understand why Marrex thinks he's not attractive. He truly thinks the red furs of Marrex is beautiful and the horns and his physicality is exquisite. He wants to transform the sad and lonely captain to a lively, happy man and to let him see how perfect and beautiful his soul is and there's absolutely nothing wrong with his appearance. After they started courting each other and started having a relationship, Juniper thought to go back to his home for a while to check things there. Marrex didn't want Juniper to go but he had no choice but to let him go. Will Juniper come back to Marrex? Will the beauty and the beast, plus the AIs, have a very merry HEA?**

**Loved the relationship aspect of Juniper and Marrex. It kept me on edge all the time and kept me very intrigued throughout the book. ? Since it's a retelling of beauty and the beast, I know what's going to happen in the end and at the same time, I don't know what will happen. ? There's good amount of sweet angst in the book and it's quite bittersweet and thrilling to find out how the story will unfold. ? And the sex??? ? My my my, that was onehelluva, panties flying, breath hitching, super erotic and titillating scene. ? I got a massive ladyboner from smuts of this novella. Soooo enticing and sexy. ?♥?? Love, love, loveeed it! ? 37 orgasms in one time? Please, where can I get myself a Ghelyxian lover? ?**

Loved everything about this novella, the MCs, their personality, the plot and the storyline, all was like a very tasty delicacy. ? And the ending was super heartwarming and beautiful. A very very merry HEA indeed. ? I even want a sequel of this novella. I want to know more about the adventures of Juniper and Marrex. So please Bey Deckard, please do consider my heartfelt petition for a sequel of this novella. ?

Favorite excerpts from the novella: ???

*“I dream about you,” Juniper confessed. “You do?” Marrex’s voice was hoarse. “Almost every night.”*

*“You stepped into my nightmare and transformed it into an enchanting dream... one I’ve been waiting for my whole life, it seems. Do you know what it means to me that you’d stay by my side and give your love to me?” “What’s that?” Juniper spoke in a hush, his voice tender. “I never need wake from the dream.”*

5 gorgeous beauty and sexy macho beast stars

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**Truuss says**

Loved this story... hard...

Juniper, a human from Terra Deux, is awakened after 17 T years by S1N and VAL.

Their grumpy Captain Marrex, a Ghelyxian, didn't want to wake him (yet), he didn't know what or who was in the stasis pod they saved.

Marrex is cursed... abandoned. He didn't find his mate at the time he should have. Floating in his ship with just S1N and VAL (the ship's computer) by his side, through the darkest sides of the galaxy... for over a hundred years ...His features are not how they're supposed to be. He has extra horns and his claws are long, his red fur isn't how it was originally. Through his eyes, he is an ugly beast. Therefore he is grumpy and rude, especially to his new guest Juniper. He will not show his gentle vulnerable side to anyone. Ha!

Juniper is the most beautiful human Marrex has ever seen in his life, an angel so opposite from himself. Only Juniper doesn't see an ugly beast. He sees right through him, and with his sweet honest behavior and his beautiful features he is totally disarming to Marrex

When Juniper's personality vaporized Marrex's wall... it's not only his wall what comes down!

No road is without a bulge, there are some family problems that take Juniper away from big Marrex for a while. Without Juniper, Marrex is just a shell without a purpose and no faith in the future. Thank god Juniper's confidence is stronger than his.

Wonderful creatures in a sexy romantic sci-fi environment with a lot of magical stardust.

Delicious read with endearing fluffy humor, hot encounters, love and much more.

This is written in a smooth vivid way, steady pacing and awesome animated....as if I was watching a movie...I couldn't get enough of it. I read it twice in a row. So all the 5 glittering stars!

Read and reviewed for Diverse Reader <http://diversereader.blogspot.nl/>

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## **Eugenia says**

### **A fantastic retelling of a classic story!**

This was simply an adorable take on the fairytale, "The Beauty and the Beast!" I enjoyed every word (both read and on audiobook) of this sci-fi treat!

The space aspect lent this a very new setting, and the beast was intriguing as both a non-human species and one with "cursed" DNA. He lived a life of exile from his people. Our beauty was a human, found in an abandoned stasis pod in the depths of space.

I loved the fact that despite the "cursed" abnormalities of Marrex, the beast, he would never transform into anything but his former self: a species much different from humans. Thank goodness our beauty had a kink for inter species lovin'!

The sex in here was explicit, and hot and all sorts of wonderful. I'm talking 37 orgasms in a row sorts of wonderful. Truly stellar!

I also loved the take on Marrex's staff...quite inventive.

Everyone here gets their happy endings. This was a divine novella to read/listen to....the narration was fantastic! Enjoy!

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## **Rachel Emily says**

Ahhhhh I just LOVED this story! This is just a wonderful, sexy, a perfect blend of fairy tale with sci-fi and I LOVED IT!

I adored S1N and VAL, the two AIs in the ship, and how snarky they were and meddling. And I absolutely loved Marrex and Juniper. Their chemistry was insane and when they finally got together?! WOW HOTNESS. Seriously. I need a Marrex of my own!

This had a great blend of storytelling, world building (interesting world building but not distracting from the romance like a lot of sci-fi stories tend to do for me), romance, angst and conflict, and a true HEA ending! I just want more! I think I could definitely read more with these two and other characters set in the same universe.

WONDEFUL story, I highly recommend it! What else should I read from this author?? Really loved the writing!

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## Bey Deckard says

### Update: paperback now available

Once upon a time, long long ago, someone gave me an illustrated copy of *Beauty and the Beast* as a present. The story was a retelling of a retelling: this was Deborah Apy's version retelling the one written by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont in 1756, which was a retelling of the original story, *La Belle et la Bête* written by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve in 1740. I loved the story and the illustrations by Michael Hague really intrigued me—they were creepy and dark and fantastic. I loved his images of the horned, shaggy-albeit-well-dressed, angst-ridden Beast. Interestingly, we never get to see the miraculous transformation of the prince... The final painting in the book is of Beauty finding the Beast dying of heartbreak in his rose garden.

Years later, I would see the Disney version and, though the story isn't all that similar to the original, I liked the comedic aspects of it. However, I was disappointed with the Beast's transformation—call me strange, but I actually preferred him as he was.

*Beauty and His Beast* is a story that's been percolating in my brain for a few years now. It's a mashup of the original stories, the Disney version, and bit of another book that has nothing to do with Beauty and the Beast, but was my absolute favourite when I was really young: *Disney's The Black Hole: A Spaceship Adventure for Robots*.

This story is not dark, not very long, and not particularly serious—just my silly take on a much loved, oft-retold fairy tale... in space.

P.S. - Ghelyxian is pronounced Hell-EE-zee-an and Ghelyx, Hell-ix

P.P.S. - Michael Ferraiuolo will be doing the audiobook narration

P.P.P.S. - I'm working on the paperback right now. It should be available Dec 5-6

Find it here at Amazon (kindle & KU): <http://geni.us/BaHB>

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## Deborah says

This is my favourite retelling of Beauty and the Beast.

Here the Beast is the grumpy but loveable Captain Marrex or Marrex the Monster as he's known.

Juniper Bo is human who finds himself aboard the captains ship after seventeen years in stasis.

Marrex has been alone for so long (112 years) he's not sure how to talk to Juniper and since he believes himself to be an ugly monster he assumes Juniper will see him that way as well. Which all means it's up to Juniper.

This is such a beautiful retelling and while I absolutely loved Marrex and Juniper, after all this is their story and it only works because of them Val and Sin were the icing on the cake.

These two were funny, cute and adorable.

The author really has taken the best of all the versions (in my opinion anyway) and put them together and

created this hot, funny and charming tale.

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## Trio says

Bey Deckard puts his unique spin on my all-time favorite fairy tale with his creative and clever *Beauty and His Beast*. In this version our Beauty isn't a simpering, coquettish virgin but is confident and world-wise. And our angry Beast, exiled to a solitary existence, is mysterious and alluring. I couldn't wait to see how they'd work it all out. I can't honestly think of a version of this story I haven't enjoyed, but with Bey Deckard's imagination and flair the result is captivating.

The story takes place in the distant future where many different life forms coexist. In addition to their diverse physical characteristics, these folks also add their unique cultural traditions to the mix. The attitude toward aliens, or "offworlders", varies amongst Humans and intolerance is as likely as fascination. Thankfully for the Beast, Beauty has quite the kink.

To summarize quickly: With his body deformed by an ancient curse, Captain Marrex has given up hope of finding a companion who is not repulsed by him. When his spaceship picks up some refuse it contains Juniper Bo, a Human who's been held in stasis for the past 17 years. Against the captain's orders the two artificial intelligence units who make up the crew unfreeze the gorgeous young man. It's impossible for Captain Marrex to ignore his stunning physical attributes but he intends to resist Juniper's charming personality.

Well the story proceeds as we know it will, but Deckard adds some interesting components to the tale. In addition to the supremely hot sex these two have (I've got my fingers crossed for the movie version!) Deckard gives us something to think about regarding tolerance, acceptance, and generosity of spirit.

This one never gets too heavy and is infused with plenty of humor, the two AIs play off each other beautifully and provide the perfect comedic interludes. There are also some clever references to our current day culture and ways of daily life which made me chuckle. I like to imagine that people x number of years in the future might actually think like this.

While I'm a fan of everything Bey Deckard writes, his sci-fi/fantasy always affects me the most. There's no limit to his imagination and he paints such stunning visuals with his words it's easy to get swept away. He creates such great depth in the relationships between his characters, due in part to their extraordinary differences, that the romance seems that much more intense. *Beauty and His Beast* is a most enjoyable retelling of this classic tale, one I hope you enjoy as much as I did.

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## Lyn says

Audio - 5 +++ stars

Story - 3.5 stars round up because of S 1 N

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## Annery says

This was exactly what I needed today! A surprisingly sweet offering from **Bey Deckard**, this is a retelling of the classic tale. With a twist. And the coup de gras is the pitch perfect narration **Michael Ferraiuolo**.

It takes place in a post-Earth future where, where despite technological advancements, everyday struggles continue unabated. Juniper Bo's (love that name) family has fallen on hard times. In order to help he embarks, immigrant style, to work on a colony/planet, but things go awry and he's picked up 17 years later, while still in a stasis pod, by a *trading ship* on the outskirts of the Empire. I won't get too further into the plot as it adheres pretty closely to the well known story. In fact one of the things I loved about it is how it keeps the beats of the original without any "look at me" moments.

The other tickle-me-pink elements are the characters of S1N and VAL, who almost deserve their own short story. The way Marrex is described, with his red & black fur, made me want a Beast of my own. I also loved Juniper. He's no wallflower, he's unabashedly sexual, and has his quirks a foibles. Perfect.

I would look forward to some future stories with these characters. It would not be boring.

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## Barbara? says

### **\*\*37 Orgasm Stars\*\***

Oh what a joy! Beauty and the Beast Sci-fi MM edition. This was so much fun and so sweet. It was definitely a different take on Beauty and the Beast with not only a swoon-worthy Beast but a swoon-worthy Beauty as well. And who can resist MULTIPLE orgasms...as in 37!!! Oh and don't forget the magical lube. I really enjoyed it.

*“I dream about you,” Juniper confessed. “You do?” Marrex’s voice was hoarse. “Almost every night.”*

*“You stepped into my nightmare and transformed it into an enchanting dream... one I’ve been waiting for my whole life, it seems. Do you know what it means to me that you’d stay by my side and give your love to me?” “What’s that?” Juniper spoke in a hush, his voice tender. “I never need wake from the dream.”~Marrex*

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## SheReadsALot says

**FOUR HEARTS**--Light Bey Deckard, y'all! If his darker work scares you, this is a title that you can try.

This was light and sweet and just a bit snarky. Fun time to be had here!

Beauty and His Beast is an adaption of the famous fairy tale told in SPAAAAAAAAAAAAACE! And did you

read the tags? The tags are everything because:

That's right, boys and girls....MAGIC. PENIS. Before you start thinking about all of the fun possibilities... let's chat about the stars of the story, hm?

**[REALLY FUN GIF HERE - NOT SO GR FRIENDLY- SEE ON THE BLOG]**

Not the penis (though it definitely made my top mental list of fave magic *penii*). I'm talking about Marrex and Juniper Bo! Beauty in this case is a human names Juniper Bo. He's been in stasis for seventeen years and is awakened by 2 mischievous AIs, S1N and VAL. Okay really one is more the leader and the other follows. But thanks to their interference, Beauty aka Juniper was freed. Time has passed for the 22 year old and he doesn't know what Marrex's lonely ship found him. But he's grateful.

Marrex is an alien that resembles a demon in a way (red fur, four horns, fangs +> You know I was ALL over that). He is a disfigured due to a curse from puberty and banished from his home planet. He works on a space ship by himself and has his AIs for company. Finding the human scarred the loner and puts him out of his element. Being as Marrex takes his nickname 'Marrex the Monster' to heart, he acts like one in the beginning. It takes time and Juniper's charm to finally thaw the Beast.

This story has low angst. Marrex seems grumpy at first, but inside he's sweet. He's never had anyone to call his own and he can't believe anyone would look at him favorably especially someone as beautiful as Juniper. There are so many variations of this theme and I really liked what the author did with it. There was enough time to get to know the main characters as they got more familiar with the other. And the AIs brought snark relief.

The conflict was good. I was curious about Juniper's family and wanted to really delve into why they were that way. His sisters got under my skin. The ending and epilogue were great but I wanted more resolution with the sisters. And maybe how the family aspect got to be that way as easily.

The sex was hot. Duh, magic penis.

LOL no seriously magic penis was le awesome. Marrex's anatomy was *different*. You'll need to read to see what it does. (Hint: *O-mazing*) It wasn't sex heavy, keeping with the lighter fun theme. But each sex scene was meaningful.

All in all a sweet, romantic story between an alien and his human.

Let's hear it one more time for magic penis.

Yeah, that's the stuff!

## **Lorraine Lesar says**

Dear Father Christmas,

Remember that letter I sent? Well I've changed my mind. I now want a Ghelyxian (pronounced Hell-EE-zee-an).

Thank you.

He could have just blown the pod out the airlock with Juniper Bo inside. He didn't. And so their love story begins.....

This is a call out to every lover of Beauty and the Beast storylines. GET THIS BOOK. They call him Marrex the Monster, I call him 37 times and counting ?.

I LOVED how Bey Deckard handled this storyline with his own original take on it.

Highly, highly recommended.

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~☆~Dαni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

~3.5~

**Magic penis indeed.** And not just metaphorically!

The Beast LITERALLY has a giant, striped, self-lubricating dick that -- WAIT FOR IT -- produces a kind of stimulant that leads to multiple orgasms (and by multiple, I don't mean three; I mean DOZENS).

Frankly, that sounds exhausting.

But, hey, Juniper is into it. He's into Marrex too, even though Marrex is grumpy and angry. You'd be too if you were banished from your kingdom and stuck on a worn-down spaceship for a century or two.

Marrex isn't human like Juniper and never will be. He's been "cursed" to take on a more gnarled & twisted form of his species (so four horns instead of two, longer claws, that kind of thing).

The two AIs, VAL and S1N, stole the show. S1N is a snarky, sarcastic cat (the form really suits him because cats are assholes), and VAL is the peacemaker (he's just a floating face, but what an expressive face it is).

I dug this story until the end. **The sex was weirdly hot, and I liked the sci-fi twist on the classic fairy tale (which has always been one of my favorites).**

I just wish the ending had been less abrupt. There is an epilogue, but it leaves many questions unanswered.

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